

The Surprises of Lordship

Why is Lordship Necessary?

1. Lordship settles the position issue of my life. (John 21:1-17)
2. Lordship settles the permission issue of my life. (Luke 9:57-62)

3. Lordship settles the profession issue. (Matthew 7:21-23)

It answers the question, "Who is going to enter God's kingdom?"

The Two Surprises of Lordship

A. The Lord Himself is Surprised. (Luke 6:46)

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

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The three steps to Lordship (Luke 6:47)

- A. Come to Him. "He who comes to me..."
- B. Listen to Him. "...and hears my words..."
- C. Obey Him. "...and puts them into practice."

B. Those with Empty Professions are Surprised.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" - Matthew 7:21-23

Three truths from Jesus' teaching (Matthew 7:21-23):

- A. Saying the right words will not get me into His kingdom.
- B. Doing good works will not get me into His kingdom.
- C. Obeying God's will does get me into His kingdom.

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There's not much difference between spiritual success and failure.

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Wrong Types of "Obedience"

Selective Obedience - I determine when I'll obey.

Situational Obedience - The situation determines when I'll obey.

4. Lordship settles the possession issue. (Matthew 25:14-30)

It answers the question, "Who owns the things in my life?"

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What Does God Own?

1. Me!

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My Response:
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From this series on Lordship, to whom should you attribute your good fortune or blessing? What is the difference between “owner” and “steward”?

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